

Sabre Springs Neighborhood Homeowners' Association

Serving the Residents of Sabre Springs



September 2010



SABRE SPRINGS NEXT BOARD MEETING



Board Meeting – The next board meeting will be on September 1, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at the Carmel Mountain Recreation Center/SS 10152 Rancho Carmel Drive, San Diego, CA. 92128.

RECENT BOARD MEETING

At the recent meeting, the Board is happy to announce that they have approved the 2011 budget with no increase to the monthly assessment fee. A complete budget packet will be mailed to you late October.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President.....John Oliveria
Treasurer.....Eric Black
Secretary.....Alan Townsend
Director.....Brett Weber
Director.....Vacant Seat

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting notices will be going out shortly. **Please remember to return your ballot to assure quorum.** It is extremely important to return your ballot even if you plan on not voting. If quorum is not met **IT COULD COST THE ASSOCIATION A LOT OF MONEY.** To encourage owners to return their ballot the association will draw names for 3 \$100 prizes. Names will be drawn from the returned ballots only and only if the required quorum of 868 ballots are received by November 2, 2010.

FACTS ABOUT PALM TREES



For all those homeowners that have Palm trees that need trimming especially the Queen Palm, if you haven't done so already now is a good time to trim your Palm trees. Their fruit is getting ready to drop. By trimming you avoid slip and fall hazards, along with quite a bit of mess. Consider having a tree company do the work for you it is a dangerous job.

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Some front yard lawns are starting to turn brown due to a lack of water. Management is aware of the current water restrictions, but 3 days a week allowed by the city is very much needed in the heat. Please keep in mind if you fertilize your lawn, make sure water is applied to avoid burning the lawn. The Board is asking that all homeowners do weekly maintenance such as mowing, weeding and trimming to enhance the property.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS



If you have not already signed up on our website, please visit our website at **www.prescottmgt.com** and go to new user and follow the prompts to get signed up. Other than going green this website offers many things such as:

- Option to opt out of mailed statements
- View your account history
- Make a payment
- Get important documents (i.e. newsletters, certificate of insurance page, minutes, governing documents and etc.)
- **MOST OF ALL THIS WILL SAVE THE ASSOCIATION MONEY.**

TPC-VIP PROGRAM

The Prescott Companies have developed a program that offers savings to all homeowners that are living within Prescott managed communities. There are many savings on goods and services through your community businesses. Every member was mailed one card per household. You may already have received it. Please check out the Prescott website at www.prescottmgt.com and check out the TPC-VIP Program where you can find a local business and enjoy their discounts.

COMMON AREA LANDSCAPING

The HOA landscapers have been reducing water costs by modifying large portions of the lawn areas and converting to bark. The Board has reviewed and approved for Pacific Properties to move forward with the next phase of turf reduction along the Hilltop Condos. In addition to the turf reduction the Board has also approved Pacific Properties to repair the Chicarita Creek which was damaged during the heavy winter rains. The repairs consist of replacing some old header board along the trail to keep the area from eroding.



THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES

Bees are beneficial insects and are usually not aggressive unless they are disturbed. Even a swarm of bees will rarely sting people. However,

Africanized bees are nearly identical to regular honey bees and are highly established in some areas of the Southern United States. They tend to be more aggressive.

Step 1

Watch for bees any time you are outdoor. If you hear buzzing, look to see if several bees are leaving or entering the same area. If so, it may mean there is a swarm or nest of bees. Enter outbuildings and sheds carefully if you suspect that there may be a nest.

Step 2

Examine the area carefully before you fire up noisy equipment such as lawn mowers or chain saws.

Step 3

Inspect potential nesting areas such as outside walls and eaves of your house and outbuildings at least once or twice every week from spring through fall. Remove anything near buildings that look like a possible nesting site, including cans, buckets, lumber piles or old tires.

Step 4

Install hardware cloth screens over vents, utility boxes, rainspouts and any other cavities in your home. Seal any holes larger than 1/8 inch in diameter.

Step 5

Protect your face and eyes as much as you can and get away as quickly as possible if you encounter a swarm of bees. Don't stand still and never swat at the bees, as this will only make them more aggressive. Run to a building, truck or car, but don't hide in water or brush. Once it's safe to do so, call a pest control company or a beekeeper to come and remove the swarm.

TOP 10 HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THAT COULD HARM YOUR DOG



Toxicoses account for approximately 15 to 20 percent of animal emergencies at emergency facilities and listed below are the top ten categories of common house hold items that are most frequently seen.

People Food

- Chocolate
- Grapes

- Raisins
- Macadamia nuts
- Avocado
- Sugarless gums

Rodenticides

- Mouse baits
- Rat baits

Insecticides

- Ant baits
- Roach baits

Human pharmaceuticals

- Ibuprofen
- Acetaminophen

Veterinary Pharmaceuticals

- keep all medicines out of dogs reach some taste like treats

Plants

- Narcissus
- Hyacinth bulbs
- Oleander
- Rhododendrons
- Cyclamen
- Amaryllis
- Yew
- chrysanthemum

Fertilizer

- Use organic, pet-friendly alternative

Cleaning Products

- Bleach containing product
- drain cleaner

Heavy Metals

- Zinc—most common ingestion pennies

Miscellaneous chemicals

- Antifreeze
- Paint, paint thinners
- Solvents and pool chemicals

The Prescott Companies
(8:00a.m –7:00p.m. Monday- Friday)
Customer Service

In the event of a common area emergency after normal business hours, please call the emergency pager at 800-404-0141 or email customerservice@prescottmgt.com and an on-call manager will promptly return your call.

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